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PROPYLAEUM

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Porch Concert Series Kicks Off in June

After the success of the inaugural porch concert last fall, the Propylaeum has created a four-part porch concert series to further utilize our expansive grounds to bring people together. This series features four genres of music and will conclude in September with a fun and festive polka band.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The place that connects and celebrates women.

GOALS

A welcoming place for women to use their voice, inspire leadership, connect with others, and continue the legacy of women supporting women.

Programs that offer opportunities for enrichment, education, exploration, culture, and community.

Preserve and maintain the place that has been the home for women since 1923.

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President's Letter

What does the Prop mean to you? How do you describe the Propylaeum to others? These themes often crop up during board discussions as we continue to evolve as a women's organization, relevant now and in the future. While the

Prop means different things to different people, our original founders' purposes remain the same; The Propylaeum provides the space for women to meet and explore current events and arts and culture. The Prop's deep roots in the community and historic home are assets to be preserved for future generations. Whatever your interest, we appreciate your involvement and support.

Rose Wernicke



Note from the Executive Director

Historic Neighborhoods

If you have not yet attended our new program series Historic Neighborhoods of Indianapolis, you need to mark your calendar for May 12.

Prop members and historic preservation enthusiasts Marjorie Kienle and Lorraine Vavul have created a not-to-be-missed series of programs. Highlighting neighborhoods across Indianapolis, the series regularly draws nearly 200 registrants and is fast becoming a top offering at the Prop.

The May Historic Neighborhoods program will feature Old Speedway City as we gear up for race-day-weekend. What neighborhoods are you most curious about?

Liz Ellis



Propylaeum Porch Concert Series

The Indianapolis Propylaeum is proud to announce our new 2021 Porch Concert Series. This series will feature four ensembles performing on the beautiful Propylaeum porch this summer. From June to September, the outdoor concerts allow guests to socially distance on our expansive lawn while enjoying different styles of music. 2020 left a hole in the hearts of Indy music-lovers and this live performance series will help to bridge the gap between online-only events and fully staged indoor productions.

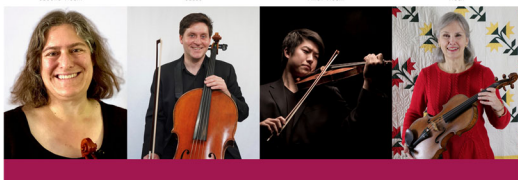
The first three concerts in the series are free with a suggested donation, and the final concert is \$10 per person. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at each event and there will also be outdoor friendly activities, such as a photo station and door prizes. You can register for each of the concerts by visiting our website www.thepropylaeum.org/programs.



Premium Blend Jazz Band

June 4, 2021 8:00 p.m.

We kick off the series on June 4th with Indy-based jazz band, Premium Blend. Led by saxophonist Jared Thompson, Premium Blend is a modern jazz quartet that combines traditional elements of bebop and hard bop with R&B and groove.



Propylaeum String Quartet from ISO

July 9, 2021 8:00 p.m.

In our 2nd concert on July 9th we welcome back the "Propylaeum String Quartet," that some of you may recognize from our 2020 porch concert or from their Salon performance. The quartet features 4 members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, including Concertmaster Kevin Lin.



Forward Motion

August 13, 2021 8:00 p.m.

Our August Concert will feature concert featured Indy-based new classical ensemble, Forward Motion. The Propylaeum and Classical Music Indy have partnered for the world premiere of four new micro composition works. Forward Motion specializes in performing works by living composers, and puts a focus on commissioning, premiering, and recording works by Indiana composers. This concert will also feature introductions by several of the composers themselves.



Indy Polkamotion

September 17, 2021 8:00 p.m.

Our last concert of the series will feature local polka band, Indy Polkamotion. As the final concert in our 2021 series, we'll be kicking Oktoberfest off early with a festival-style concert. Come for the music, stay for the activities, food, and fun!



Old Speedway City with Barb Hellyer



May 12, 7PM
Via Zoom

Prop Day

Lunch & Learn

Jennifer Smith

Costume and Mascot Designer,
Owner of Avant Garb

May 19, Noon
Online, Via Zoom



Porch Concert Series

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PREMIUM BLEND JAZZ BAND

JUNE 4 8:00PM

OUTDOOR, SOCIALLY DISTANCED CONCERT
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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PAGES AT THE PROP

Maliha Abidi

Pakistani Author, Artist, & Activist
Discussing her book, *Pakistan for Women*

June 16 7:00PM
Online, Via Zoom



Pages at the Prop to Feature International Author

Maliha Abidi is an incredible young woman of influence, who uses her influence in the best way possible. At 23, Abidi has already accomplished a lot, and she is nowhere near done. Certified on Tik Tok and Instagram with nearly 90,000 followers on the former and over 60,000 followers on the latter, author, artist, neuroscience student, and activist for mental health, Abidi is using her influence to change the world.

On June 16, 2021 the Pakistani-American will present a program (via Zoom) about her book *Pakistan for Women: Stories of Women Who have Achieved Something Extraordinary* and her art project *100 Iconic Women*.

Abidi's debut book combines her passion for both art and writing. The book brings together stories of 50 women from Pakistan alongside their illustrations. The book was launched in 2019 and is the first book of its kind to be published in Pakistan as it highlights stories of real Pakistani women, from astrophysicists to firefighters to mountaineers and more.

Abidi was born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan, and migrated to California at the age of 14. As an immigrant, her experiences play a huge role in her work. Abidi focuses on women's rights including education for girls, banning child marriage, domestic violence, mental health, and anti-racism. Abidi is the founder of The Story of Mental Health, an organization dedicated to providing resources on intersectional mental health awareness and creating a safe space for women to not only seek help, but to also work on the mental health creatively in countries like Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

Abidi has been featured on Good Morning America, BBC Stories, Glamour magazine, and the Malala Fund.

We are excited to have Ms. Abidi as part of our Pages at the Prop program that features female authors. This is a free event. You can register at www.thepropylaeum.org/programs.



Re-Opening Strategies for the Propylaeum

As more of the population is being inoculated against COVID-19, the Indianapolis Propylaeum is planning a re-opening strategy for members, guests, and small groups. Knowing that many people are eager to return, the staff and board have been looking at options to re-open safely. Beginning June 1, limited access to the facilities will be available.

Following state and local guidelines, the following protocols will remain in place:

- Reservations are required for all persons at the Propylaeum
- All persons entering the Propylaeum will be required to wear a mask
- Food service will not be available
- Room capacity remains at 50% for both the mansion and carriage house
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place after each person and/or groups leaves the facility
- The Indiana Department of Health recommends that social distancing remain in place and that persons over age 65 or with serious health issues, should refrain from crowded public places.



Historic Neighborhoods of Indianapolis

Old Speedway City



Developed in the early twentieth century as the first horseless city in America, Old Speedway City prospered under the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's four Founding Fathers' desires to create a testing ground for the automobile and a town to house the hundreds of workers necessary to build, drive and maintain

this new industry. Our tour guide, Barb Hellyer, discusses how the town quickly developed around the new horseless carriage (a.k.a. motorsports) industry as well as Speedway's unsung role in both Indiana and US history during the Wars.

A long-time Speedway resident and an enthusiast of its history, Barb Hellyer has served as president of the Old Speedway City Neighborhood Association's Board of Directors. She is active on the Board of Indiana Automotive, an affinity group of Indiana Landmarks, and as Executive Secretary of the Indianapolis 500 Old Timers, celebrating those individuals who have worked at IMS for 20 or more years.

Reservations can be made at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents

Join a Committee or Volunteer

Your Involvement Matters

The Propylaeum runs on a lean staff and active board and the participation of volunteers expands the what we are able to accomplish. What are your interests and skills? Could you offer some help for a special event, a behind the scenes task, or some administrative service? Are you curious about how the organization runs and would like to learn more by serving on a committee? Lots of opportunities are available, and we would love your input! If you would like to further explore the Propylaeum, please contact Liz, liz.ellis@thepropylaeum.org, or Rose Wernicke, rdwernicke@yahoo.com, to find out more.

CALENDAR

All activities listed in the calendar will be web-only. For more information and to register for programs please visit our website www.thepropylaeum.org/programs

May

- 12: Historic Neighborhoods of Indianapolis: Old Speedway City. Barb Hellyer. 7 p.m.
- 13: Board of Directors Meeting. Contact Rose Wernicke. 11:30 a.m.
- 17: Investment Group. Contact Diane Tolliver. 10 a.m.
- 19: Virtual Prop Day. Lunch and Learn. Jennifer Smith with Avant Garb. Noon
- 25: Book Group. *Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City* by Phillip Hoose. Contact Cathy Michel. Noon.

June

- 4: Porch Concert featuring Jazz Band Premium Blend. 8 p.m.
- 16: Pages at the Prop featuring international author Maliha Abidi. 7 p.m.
- 21: Investment Group. Contact Diane Tolliver. 10 a.m.
- 22: Book Group. *Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam. Noon.
- 24: Historic Neighborhoods of Indianapolis. 7 p.m.

For all upcoming events, follow us on:



Membership

Active Memberships contribute to the culture and social life of the organization. Dues are partially tax deductible and members may carry a monthly account, receive a 30% facility rental discount for private events held at the Propylaeum, receive special event pricing for Propylaeum Events, and enjoy member benefits through Columbia Club reciprocity. Visit thepropylaeum.org for more information.

May Birthdays

- 15 Terry Mumford
- 19 Nora Spitznogle

*We love to honor our members. Please let us know if you have an upcoming birthday or if we missed your birthday.